

THE CHOLERA.

Mysterious Influences Which Retard or Accelerate Its Progress.

The sudden appearance of cholera in eastern Prussia and the presence of sixty or more cases of the disease among Russian emigrants in Hamburg awaiting transportation to America give cause for popular alarm, but for increased watchfulness on the part of our sanitary guardians.

Epidemiologists have for some time been watching this gradual advance of cholera from the east on one of its periodical incursions into western Europe. The movement began in the latter part of 1899. Eastward the disease advanced from India rapidly, invading China and Japan. From Hongkong it passed to the Philippines, working havoc in Manila and the provinces despite the best efforts of the medical officers of the army and marine hospital service.

Its progress westward through Arabia and Persia into Russia has been more gradual. Cholera appeared in Mecca in 1902 and thence spread throughout the Mussulman world, being first in Egypt, Asia Minor and Persia, finally establishing itself firmly in Teheran. From this point it followed the caravan routes into Anatolia, Transcaucasia and Transaspia, reaching the banks of the Volga. Here it rested for nearly eighteen months, being restrained by some mysterious influence the nature of which students of epidemics have never yet discovered, and only now has it resumed its march westward.

Why should it have remained so long in Russia and then suddenly crossed the frontier? Raskin, a Russian, coming down the Volga past Tchern and Ekim, and emigrants were leaving Poland and western Russia for Hamburg and Bremen, sailing thence for New York, but the disease remained behind. The Russian health officials did as little to throttle the epidemic then as they are doing now, and the communication between the Volga, where the cholera hibernated, and the Vistula, down which it is now journeying into Prussia, was just as free in the summer of 1904 as in that of 1903, but the infection refused to spread. Suddenly it takes a start, and Europe awakes to the peril of a cholera invasion.

Epidemiologists tell us that the conditions which retard or accelerate the progress of this disease are climatic conditions, but this is only a term to cloak ignorance. Pettenkofer's subsoil water theory is just as satisfactory and no more intelligible. That there is some influence which affects the virulence of the comma bacillus or which determines a greater or lesser period of resistance in the human subject must be admitted, but whether this influence is atmospheric or telluric or neither still remains a mystery.—Med. Rec.

His House on His Back.

The German war office has come to the conclusion that the knapsack at present carried by the German soldier is too heavy. The heavy calfskin knapsack, in use up to the present, is being replaced by another of light waterproof canvas, and other reductions in weight are being made.

The German infantry recruit may be said to carry his house on his back. The following is a list of his baggage items:

- Cooking utensils.
- Various parts of a tent.
- An overcoat.
- Thirty rounds of ammunition.
- A linen suit.
- A quantity of underwear.
- Two pairs of boots.
- Boot brushes and blacking.
- Numerous metal tools.
- A hymn book.
- A box for trifles.
- A variety of personal articles.—Berlin Cor. London Mail.

Their Only Weapon.

A choice sample of General Patrick Collins' wit was furnished on the occasion of his return from a visit to his native land several years ago, bringing with him a shillalah as a gift to John Boyle O'Reilly. The presentation of the gift was made the occasion of a banquet, to which a score of the friends of both these distinguished Irishmen were bidden. The postprandial exercises were something rollicking, and the climax of the fun was reached when General Collins arose to make the presentation speech. Holding the shillalah aloft, he proceeded with much solemnity to apostrophize the historic Irish emblem. As he handed it to the recipient he said in conclusion: "Boyle O'Reilly, I now take pleasure in presenting to you this shillalah from the old sod. It is the only weapon which the British tyrant has left to the Irish people to defend them from each other."—Boston Herald.

A Wasted Life.

The recent death of Simeon Solomon in St. Giles' workhouse brings sadly to an end the career of an artist who for forty years ago was looked upon as one of the greatest of the coming men in the art world. His earliest works showed that he was a magnificent colorist and a rarely capable designer and that he had an exceptional command over intricacies of technical practice. His seemed indeed destined to take his place among the masters of imaginative painting, and that he never fulfilled this destiny has been due not to any want of public appreciation, but unfortunately to his own deficiencies of character. His habits of intemperance made impossible the proper pursuit of his profession and led him into the hand to mouth existence which has now ended tragically with the walls of a workhouse.—London Globe.

One Reason Enough.

A lot of men were playing cards for money in a railroad car, and an Irishman was invited to take a hand. "I would," he said, "but for three reasons." Being asked to state his reasons, he said: "In the first place, I have no money." "Never mind the other two," said the man who was running the game.

Some Seasonable Advice.

It may be a piece of superfluous advice to urge people at this season of the year to take a supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is almost sure to be needed before winter is over, and much more people throughout the country will agree with Mr. Chas. W. Mattison, of Milford, Va., who says: "It works like magic, and is the best preparation I know of. It couldn't be any better." He had a serious attack of dysentery and was advised to try a bottle of this remedy, which he did, with the result that immediate relief was obtained. For sale by B. S. Ashby & Co., Accomack, All County Agencies.

THE PECULIAR LOON.

This Bird Has a Hide About as Tough as That of an Ox.

The loon differs from other birds in a number of ways. I have reason to think that many people are unaware of some of these peculiarities. The loon has a hide as tough as an ox, and its feathers cannot be plucked without first scalding the bird as you would a hog. This incident will give some idea of the toughness of the hide. About thirty-five years ago, when I was living in Michigan, a loon was shot at with a shotgun industriously all summer without apparently doing him any harm. In the fall I killed him with a rifle just to convince the people that a loon could be shot and killed. He had many times been shot at with a rifle by the same people who had used the shotgun, and they had become convinced that he dived so quickly that he dodged the shot in that way. I had seen them shoot at him a number of times, and I could see the splash of bullets or shot in the water before he dove. I ridiculed the idea of the dodging, and that led to my shooting him to support my contention. When I skinned the bird I found and counted over a hundred No. 6 shot, all of them stuck to the inside of the hide and so doing him no permanent harm. It is remarkable that he was never hit in the eye nor sustained a broken wing.

Another thing peculiar to the loon is that after the chicks are hatched, if the mother will move far, she will make a shallow dive and come up under her babies and swim off with them on her back. The person that succeeds in photographing her under such conditions may well claim the pennant. Only once have I seen a loon shoulder her young, although for over twenty years I lived in the part of Michigan where there was the best chance imaginable to watch loons. Now the timber has been cut off around most of the lakes, and such favorable conditions for observation no longer exist.

Although I have only once seen a loon shoulder her babies, I have seen her swimming with them on her back many times. Once one swim within twenty feet of me and never suspected my presence.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

We all think we get the worst of it. It does not take up any more time to be polite than disagreeable. It is not what you say, but how you say it. It means friends or enemies. Don't neglect work that is really important for reform work that doesn't amount to anything.

The Sober Officer.

On board the British troopship St. Lawrence, 1865, on a voyage round the cape to India, an officer left a convivial party in the saloon at midnight and, according to be escorted by the sergeant of the guard, proceeded alone to visit the sentries, when he the following dialogue was overheard: Officer—Sentry? Sentry—Yes, sir. Officer—You're asleep, sentry. Sentry—Oh, no, I'm not, sir! Officer—But I say you are asleep, sentry. Sentry—Very well, then, sir, I am. Officer—Then why on earth didn't you say you were asleep, sentry?

What Education Does?

The average educated man gets a salary of \$1,000 a year. He works forty years, making a total of \$40,000 in a lifetime. The average day laborer gets \$1.50 a day 300 days in a year, or \$450 in a year. In forty years he earns \$18,000. The difference, or \$22,000, equals the value of an education. To acquire this earning capacity requires twelve years at school of 180 days each, or 2,160 days. Divide \$22,000 by 2,160, and it is found that each day at school is worth a little more than \$10 to the pupil.

Sarcasm.

"I am not rich," said the science crank to the great alienist, "and I have no fortune to leave to the cause of science, but when I die I am going to bequeath my brain to the students of your college for dissection."

Believe Me.

"Believe me," answered the professor politely, "we shall appreciate your gift. We are profoundly grateful for these bequests, however small they may be."

A Matter of Change.

Spawnger—I've noticed considerable change about you since you stopped drinking. Markley—Well, I've noticed that there's considerable more in my pocket.—Philadelphia Press.

About Time.

Mr. Stopleat—I've know, Miss Cutting, I'd dearly love to travel. Miss Cutting (meaningly)—Well, why don't you?—Exchange.

Education Is the apprenticeship of life.—Willmot.

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SAVINGS OF ROYALTY.

How European Rulers Put Away Money For Rainy Days.

It will no doubt astonish a large number of people that kings and queens, like poorer mortals who have the gift of prudence, are, with few exceptions, as economical as is consistent with their high position, and every year put by some portion of their savings for a rainy day.

Better than anybody else, perhaps monarchs know that it is money makes the mare go, and that to spend all their income as they get it is just as great a folly in themselves as in their subjects. The late Queen Victoria was one of the thriftest of monarchs, and though her will has never been for the public eye, there is reason to believe that the fortune she left was a very large one.

The modern king is as a rule a very practical gentleman. Of some it is not too much to say that they do not place implicit confidence in the nation of which they are the head. Of nearly all of them it is certainly true that they do not put all their eggs into one basket.

Every year the present czar and empress of Russia invest a large portion of their private savings to the British and French national banks. Alexander II., grandfather of the Emperor Nicholas, was economical in a high degree, and the money he saved is said to have run well into four millions sterling. By his will he left legacies to various members of the imperial family, which swallowed up a third of his vast fortune, the remaining two-thirds being given to a lady of the court who had wedded the sovereign without money.

King Leopold of Belgium has a universal reputation, and an enviable one, as Leopold & Co., rubber merchants. He founded the Congo Free State, of which he is the sovereign lord, and which results to him every year thousands upon thousands of pounds sterling, derived from the natural products of the country. He is one of the largest rubber and ivory dealers in the world. He is also one of the cleverest of financiers and knows his way about all the bourses of Europe.

King George of Greece is also an old financial hand. He speculated largely in agricultural products, follows carefully all the fluctuations of the financial market and is assiduous in putting his money into good things.

The late empress of Austria placed on deposit two-thirds of her allotted revenue. She was very economical and kept a few servants about her as possible. She constantly revised the accounts of her husband and succeeded in making important reductions in his expenses. The Bank of England received her savings, and there is a curious story about the refusal of her bondsmen to pay the British succession duties, a refusal which gave the governors of the bank a great deal of trouble before the matter was adjusted.

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Aydelotte, Aaron	30 " N.	1-20	1.75
Bishop, John R.	30 " N.	1	2.09
Bloxome, A. R.	30 " N.	1	1.10
Bowden, O. H., Exr., T.	30 " N.	1	2.07
Bradford, John, Sr.	30 " N.	1	1.15
Bayly, Horace	30 " N.	1	1.53
Bloxome, Edward	10 " N.	40 marsh.	3.05
Byrd, Geo. P.'s heirs	30 " N.	13 1/2	20
Chandler, Wm. J.	30 " N.	1	35.08
Chandler, Wm. and son	30 " N.	7 1/2	8.88
Conquest, Sarah J.	18 " N.	1	1.52
Clark, Manie M.	30 " N.	1-5	1.90
Crockett, Edward Sr., heirs	22 " N.	5-8	1.90
Crockett, Louis A.	25 " N.	1-6	1.70
Charnock, Louis A.	30 " N.	1-24	2.10
Daisy, Jas. of J.	30 " N.	25	1.46
Daisy, Jas. for wife	30 " N.	25	1.46
Daisy, Peter S.	30 " N.	1	1.92
Drummond, Jno. of C. & wife S.	25 " W.	1	3.47
Evans, Wm. T. of Wm.	25 " W.	1-8	1.90
Evans, Ellen	25 " W.	1-8	1.90
Evans, Ann Eliza, wife of E. B.	18 " S.	4 and 1-9	1.90
Evans, Wm. L.	13 " N.	4	1.90
Gladding, Berri B.	30 " N.	65	2.88
Gibbons, O. P. & W. L.	30 " N.	1	1.31
Gray, Joseph	30 " N.	5-12	2.1
Godfrey, Joseph heirs	30 " N.	3 and 3/4 woods	3.09
Hussey, Peleg	22 " N.	1-6 and 1-3-4	1.90
Hudson, Leah C.	30 " N.	1	1.30
Hudson, Moses J.	30 " N.	1	2.39
Jester, Jane	30 " N.	1-4	1.90
Jones, James of D.	30 " N.	1	2.57
Jones, James of D.	30 " N.	1	1.90
Justice, Jno. H.	11 " N.	45 marsh	40
Justice, Jno. W. of W.	6 " N.	5 Ara.	1.92
Johnson, Jno. C.	7 " N.	15 marsh	2.23
Kilmon, Chas. heirs	10 " N.	26	1.63
Kilmon, Sarah M. Parks, T. T. P.	10 " N.	24 and 12	1.12
Kollock, Frances	30 " N.	5 marsh	1.92
Louis, Francis	30 " N.	1-9 Ara.	1.93
Lord, Leah and Nelly Thos.	25 " N.	150	1.70
Marshall, Jno. W.	27 " N.	12 Ara	3.42
Marshall, Kate O.	22 " N.	1-3 Ara	1.90
Mason, Major Sr., heirs	12 " N.	4 marsh	1.90
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Munger, Parker for wife	30 " N.	1	1.90
Powers, Jessie M.	30 " N.	4 marsh	1.90
Parkes, Martha and others	12 " N.	35	2.23
Parkes, Nonie, wife of E.	25 " W.	1	2.05
Reade, John	30 " N.	1	1.90
Reade, Jas. Sr., heirs	30 " N.	1-1-8	2.25
Reade, Littleton B.	30 " N.	2 1/2	1.15
Sharp, Elizabeth	30 " N.	2	2.75
Swift, Benj. W.	30 " N.	2	4.99
Slocomb, Jacob	30 " N.	2	2.05
Steppins, Elizabeth	30 " N.	2 mill.	1.90
Taylor, Edw. W., heirs	17 " N.	1	2.46
Taylor, Frank	10 " N.	1	1.44
Taylor, Jno. S., heirs	28 " N.	9	1.99
Taylor, Benj. F. R. heirs	30 " N.	1	1.90
Turlington, Margaret	30 " N.	1	4.80
White, Sallie	5 " W.	3-1-2	1.90
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